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### LIVINGSTON

We understand the bank here will open the 30th of this month. The fishing season has opened here in earnest and many are trying their hand to get some of the finny tribe. — J. H. Owens is very sick at this writing. — After one of the worst winters in years we believe that summer has come this time in earnest and now is the time to make hay while the sun shines. — Old Glory can be seen floating from the post office, B. C. Mullins' dwelling, C. H. Rice's dwelling and lots of the stores have smaller ones, while in the near future there will be some large flags hoisted in our town as they have been ordered but have not arrived yet. — Mrs. Oscar Argenbright and children have returned from Corbin after a weeks visit with relatives. — Mrs. W. T. Amyx and son, Clifford, have returned from Louisville, where she has been for a few days visiting her daughter. Mrs. C. E. Rice, Jr. — Judge R. G. Williams gave us an interesting letter in the Signal last week. The Judge never forgets his old friends in old Rockcastle. — B. Hill has moved his family into the property of John Mullins.

Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Griffin, of near Mt. Vernon, are spending a few days with their children, G. S. Griffin, Mrs. W. M. Owens and Mrs. Sarah Hall. — Born to the wife of Louie Miller, a fine girl on the 22nd. — Mrs. Ida Doan, of East Bernstadt, has returned home after a few days visit with relatives here. — Mrs. Pollie Begley, of Hazard, Ky., has been visiting relatives at Mt. Vernon and Mrs. Sue Mullins, at Livingston. Mrs. Begley was formerly Miss Pollie Owens, of Barbourville, Ky. — J. A. Oliver, salesman of Berea, was in our town Tuesday. — F. L. Thompson was in our town Tuesday with our merchants. — U. G. Baker, the prince of merchants, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baker, of Mt. Vernon, motored over to our town Sunday. — Mr. and Mrs. John Griffin, of Mullins Station, motored over Sunday and spent the day. — W. M. French, better known as (Buck), of Brodhead, has been visiting his old home place for a few days. — James Mullins is attending court as a juror from our town. — C. A. Blanford was in Mt. Vernon, Tuesday, on business. — Robert Cottongim, of Pine Hill, has purchased the stock of goods of W. M. Baker and is occupying the same store room.

Mrs. G. D. Cook, who has been quite ill is much better. — Mrs. C. A. Blanford is in Parksville. — Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Head, of Richmond, after a few days visit with relatives have returned home. — Planting gardens seems to be the order of the day and everyone is trying to prepare for the future by planting out everything they can. The outlook at present is that all ground that can be cultivated will be. — Mrs. J. H. Browning has returned from Crab Orchard, where she has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Katie Magee. — Mrs. C. H. Rice is visiting relatives at Maywood this week. — Mrs. G. V. Caloway and little daughter, Elizabeth, are visiting relatives at Berea this week. — Mrs. Hobert Griffin has returned from Mt. Vernon after a few days visit with relatives.

#### RHEUMATIC PAINS RELIEVED.

"I have used Chamberlain's Liniment for pains in the chest and lameness of the shoulders due to rheumatism, and am pleased to say that it has never failed to give me prompt relief," writes Mrs. S. N. Finch, Batavia, N. Y.

### BRODHEAD

A number of speeches will be made here Saturday afternoon beginning at about 1 o'clock. The meeting will be similar to the one held in Mt. Vernon, Monday, the chief object being to educate the people how they can best serve their country in the present crisis. Every farmer should be present and hear the able speakers' methods of better farming. Every business man should be present and learn how he can be a better business man during this great war. Everybody should be present and thereby show that they are willing to do anything in their power to better present conditions. — Commencing at 1:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon a car load of buggies, runabouts and carriages will be offered here at public auction, and it is claimed that a vehicle can be bought for half its real value. Be an hands, see for yourself. — W. J. Owens and Walter Smith were in Livingston one day last week fishing, failure attending their efforts. — Mr. and Mrs. George Owens were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Carson, Thursday evening of last week. — G. M. Johnson sold a small tract of land to E. L. Harris last

week for \$150. — Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith were with his mother at Crab Orchard, Thursday, of last week. — Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hilton, of Stanford, were with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cass, Wednesday. — Mr. and Mrs. J. Thos. Cherry were here from Crab Orchard, last Friday. — James Pike was here from Danville with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. I. Pike, over Sunday. — Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Frith are here from Cincinnati with relatives. — Bronston Elder was called to Louisville, Monday, to be examined as to his proficiency in telegraphy, and is now subject to be called out for duty when needed. — The wills of the late John Adams and Miss Delia Helton were probated Monday. — Mrs. J. H. Jarret, Mrs. J. M. Adams and Mrs. J. M. Clark were in Mt. Vernon, Monday. — I. R. Storm, L. N. Bowling, A. B. Poterf, Granville Owens, B. T. Young, John Robins, A. M. Hiatt, C. H. Frith, M. K. Pennington, R. H. Hamm, B. V. Riddle, Orrin Wallin, R. E. French, Charley Russell, R. H. Hicks, L. N. Vanhood, J. M. Roberts and James Kegley were among those attending the patriotic rally at Mt. Vernon, Monday. — J. L. Pilkenton was in Mt. Vernon, Sunday. — E. S. Albright and Logan Bryant were in town Tuesday. — Miss Halle Barnes was the guest of Miss Elizabeth Gentry from Friday until Monday. — John Pike was up from Lebanon Junction during the week with his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Pike. — C. H. Frith daughter, Miss Elnora left for Louisville, Wednesday afternoon, where Miss Elnora is to undergo an operation at the Norton Infirmary. We have not heard the result of the nature of the operation. — Granville Owens was in Louisville during the week. — W. J. Owens bought a house and lot from H. L. Tharp this week for \$750. This is very desirable property, but on account of Mr. Tharp living at Junction City, he was willing to sell the property for less than its real worth. — Eld. L. N. Bowling and daughter, Miss Gertrude, A. M. Hiatt, John Robins and daughter, Mildred, were in Mt. Vernon, Sunday afternoon, to attend the Bible School Association held there. — A. M. Hiatt is in Louisville today attending a meeting of the bankers held at the Seelbach Hotel at the request of the Governor, the Hon. A. O. Stanley.

#### CALL MEETING.

Rockcastle County Medical Association.

A very important meeting of the Rockcastle County Medical Association was held in the office of Dr. A. G. Lovell, Mt. Vernon, Ky. at 2 o'clock P. M. April 19, 1917.

The principal topic of discussion was a communication from state authorities in regard to the organization of a Reserve Corps for service in the war. A resolution endorsing the movement unanimously passed and Drs. E. W. Walker, W. E. Gravely and A. G. Lovell and Walker Owens, as members of the County Board of Health, were appointed a committee to take the matter up with the proper authorities and pledge the loyalty of the entire association to our country in this great crisis.

Another important matter was brought before the association by Dr. W. F. Carter of Brodhead, who gave an interesting talk on the subject which was generally discussed and endorsed by resolution, was a communication in regard to the employment of a County Nurse for Rockcastle and the above mentioned members of the County Board of Health were appointed as committeemen to meet with the Fiscal Court and discuss the proposition.

Every member present was enthusiastic in his support of the Government in the present war, and the chances are some of them will see active service unless the war closes soon.



JOHN R. FLOYD.

TO THE VOTERS OF LAUREL AND ROCKCASTLE COUNTIES:

I am a candidate for Representative, subject to the Republican Primary, August 4th, 1917. I was before the people of my county, Laurel, eight years ago for Representative, and was only defeated by a very small vote, and I wish to further say that the records show that I received 178 out of 184 votes cast in my home precinct, receiving all but six votes.

I promise the people of this District, if elected, and I am going to be, to stand for fair and honest legislation, that will be of the best interest to our District and Commonwealth.

I am in favor of prohibition throughout our State and shall use my best efforts in helping to make our old Kentucky Homes Happy and Brighter. I am in favor of a reasonable taxation sufficient to meet the revenue required by our State. I am not in favor of over taxation of the people. I was born and raised in Laurel county where I have always lived. When the Spanish war broke out my country needed my services and I responded to the call and joined the colors, served three years in the Philippine Islands, and if my country needs me, I am ready to defend the Stars and Stripes again.

I hope to see every voter in Rockcastle between now and August 4th.

The people of Laurel are for me good and strong, and I believe that you people in Rockcastle will do the same for me. I have always voted under the Log Cabin.

With kindest regards to all, your vote and influence solicited, I am,

Very respectfully,  
JOHN R. FLOYD.

### G. W. Decker Makes Reply.

Some of my opponents have reported that I, as a Republican away back didn't support our ticket. This is untrue in every sense of the word. I have never "scratched" a ticket, and if my opponents use such unfair means of electioneering it should prove a boomerang to them, I am running on my record as a Republican and that record is clear. I am willing at any time to make affidavit to above statement and wish our people to give me their support in this my first candidacy for the office of Jailer since 12 years ago when I believe I was fairly nominated, but was not given the nomination by the election board. Yet I supported the nominee and propose to do the same now if the majority of the voters vote against me. I want your votes but understand I am for the nominee of our party expressed at August primary.

G. W. DECKER.



# The IRON CLAW

by ARTHUR STRINGER

AUTHOR OF "THE OCCASIONAL OFFENDER,"  
"THE WIRE TAPPERS," "GUN RUNNERS," ETC.  
NOVELIZED FROM THE PATHE PHOTO PLAY OF THE SAME NAME

## TWENTIETH EPISODE

### The Laughing Mask's Triumph.

Margery Golden suddenly threw aside the magazine which she had been listlessly thumbing, and springing to her feet, crossed rapidly to the window of her cool, white bedroom. As she stood gazing out with unseeing eyes, a little frown of vexation puckered her forehead. From the open windows of the spacious living-room on the first floor came the subdued murmur of voices. But to Margery's straining ears not a word of that low-toned conference was audible. Occasionally she heard the rumble of Captain Brackett's voice, more strident and authoritative than the others.

The resentful officer of the law had conceived the idea that on more than one occasion Margery had aided and abetted the Laughing Mask in slipping through his fingers, and it was for that reason she was now excluded from the deliberations where the capture of the elusive masquerader was under discussion. In anticipation of this very state of affairs Margery had devised the ingenious method for learning the plans of the detectives.

Having ascertained that the conference was in full swing, she quickly went to a small wicker table and, taking off the telephone receiver, held it pressed tightly to her ear. Her wire was a house extension connected with the trunk line which ran into the living-room, where her father and the officers were now gathered. In that room the telephone standard, resting on a heavy mahogany table, had been skillfully tampered with. Presently the booming voice of the police captain came to the ears of the listening girl.

"When I go after a man I don't quit till I get him," she heard him announce in self-laudatory tones. "I landed that one-armed crook, Jules Legar, in a cell all right, an' I tell you, Mr. Golden, if it hadn't been for your daughter interferin' I'd had the bracelets on the Laughing Mask long ago."

At that moment Margery heard the door shut behind a new arrival, and again it was Captain Brackett's voice which reached her as he impatiently questioned the detective who had just entered.

"What are you doin' here, Walters? Didn't you get the orders I sent you by Jenkins to take Legar out of that chicken-coop they call a jail out here, an' keep yourself handcuffed to him every minute until he was safe in the Tombs?"

"I got your orders, chief," came a hesitating voice, presumably that of the sleuth called Walters, "but I've got some bad news for you, Legar's broke jail. He croaked Jenkins and made a clean getaway."

Then Margery heard the hurried tones of the detective as he launched into an account of the strange escape of Jules Legar.

"I don't see where I'm to blame, chief," he began in a somewhat aggrieved voice. "I seen Jenkins aroun' noon. He was goin' into the jail with a tray from the restaurant. He stops



He Knew His Doom Was Sealed.

and gives me your orders and says I might as well wait outside until Legar had his feed. That seemed reasonable, an' I hung aroun' for 'bout half an hour. Then when Jenkins didn't come out, I commenced to get kind o' uneasy like an' I steps inside to see what was goin' on.

"Lyn' face down in the corridor I found Jenkins, just outside of Legar's cell. The cell was empty, with the door standin' open and Jenkins' key in the lock. We combed every inch of that jail, but Legar had disappeared without leavin' a trace behind him. I could tell by the looks of Jenkins

that he was dead, but when I turned him over I got an awful shock. His face was all twisted up with sufferin' and full of deep lines and wrinkles. Then I seen his hair was all streaked with gray. When he spoke to me he was a healthy young feller, but when I found him he was like some old man about 70, what had died of some awful disease. That's about all an' I don't see how—"

But Margery did not wait to hear the concluding remarks of the detective, for at this point she abruptly hung up the receiver. Here was news of a startling character which must be imparted to the masked guardian of her safety without loss of time. Without stopping to even catch up a hat, she slipped out of her room and down the stairway. As she tiptoed softly past the living-room, the door suddenly opened and Captain Brackett and Walters stood on the threshold. The stern-faced officer watched the slender girl as she went out of the front door and closed it behind her. Then he turned to his crestfallen subordinate.

"Never mind doin' what I was tellin' you, Walters," he tersely commanded. "I want you to shadow that young woman. Don't lose sight of her for a minute."

So it happened that when Margery Golden paused by the mysterious lone boulder on Seven Oaks Hill a hawk-faced detective was hidden not ten paces distant behind one of the great trees from which the ridge took its name. He saw the girl glance furtively about her, and then from her pursed lips came a low, thrilling call like that of a bird. After a brief interval she repeated this signal, and presently a yellow-masked man came stealthily around the side of the great boulder. The hidden listener caught enough of what Margery Golden was saying to become aware that she was recounting, almost word for word, his own story of the escape of Jules Legar.

"I have a theory of my own as to what was used to kill Jenkins in that fearful manner," the Laughing Mask was saying, "and I am going to find out tonight whether I am right or wrong. Legar's followers have all been wiped out with the exception of a man calling himself Skidmon. He was known as a brilliant scientist until he contracted the drug habit, and then, when he was down and out, he fell in with Legar. He lives in a tumble-down old house at the foot of the blind alley south of Washington square."

At that moment the detective, burning with zeal to make up for the escape of Jules Legar by the sudden capture of the Laughing Mask, suddenly emerged from behind the oak tree and rapidly advanced upon the startled pair. As the Laughing Mask darted around the boulder toward the secret door leading into the subterranean retreat, Margery planted herself directly in the path of the oncoming Walters.

"You've about gone the limit this time, young woman," he snarled as he seized her slender wrist in his powerful grasp. "an' we'll see what the chief thinks of your helpin' that criminal make a getaway."

A little later the burly Walters halted his frail prisoner into the living-room, where her father and the detectives were still gathered. Captain Brackett, fuming with anger, tried his utmost to wring from her the secret of the boulder, but his rapidly volleyed questions failed to break her sphinxlike silence. Finally her loving but sorely tried father locked her in her bedroom to prevent her further interference. Hastily going to her impromptu dictaphone, Margery heard the voice of Walters repeating what the Laughing Mask had said about Skidmon, the last of Legar's henchmen. When he had finished, the blatant tones of Captain Brackett came over the thread of copper.

"Our best move will be to watch the house of this Skidmon," he announced decisively, "an' when our man comes along we'll nab him. If we're playin' in luck we might get Legar in the same dragnet."

As Margery replaced the receiver she realized the Laughing Mask was threatened with grave danger. In some way she must warn him. But there seemed no possibility of escaping from the bedroom. Then a sudden scheme flashed into her mind, which she hastened to put into execution.

To mislead her father she tied the bed sheet to the window sill, and when that gentleman discovered the supposed escape, he ran to the shrubbery beneath the window. Then Margery stole out of the closet and silently went her way in her car.

As Margery paused in front of a dismal old rookery she suddenly perceived in the moonlight a shadowy form mounting steadily upward on the narrow fire-escape ladder. When that stealthy prowler stepped onto the iron platform just outside the lighted window she saw it was the daring masker and realized she was too late to warn him. Before she

could attract his attention he cautiously raised the window and vanished into that house of mystery. But she quietly determined he should not be taken unawares by his enemies and quickly followed.

She slipped into the empty bedroom and, warily crossing the floor, stood in spellbound wonder gazing through the open doorway. Backed up against a bench stood the tense figure of a middle-aged man with drooping eyelids and the pasty gray complexion that betrayed the habitual use of some noxious drug.

He had apparently been interrupted in the midst of his investigations, for on the bench, just behind him, was some object protected from the light by a strip of thin taweling, a long platinum needle used in extracting germ colonies from their cultures, a compound microscope and an open notebook for recording the result of his labors. Facing the intimidated drug fiend stood the Laughing Mask.

"My patience is about exhausted, Skidmon," he said to the man shrinking back against the bench, "and unless you write that confession clearing me of those crimes committed by Legar with your devilish assistance, I am going to shoot you through the head with as little compunction as though you were a mad dog. Your terrible poisons have been responsible for more than one unsolved murder and society will be well rid of you."

This convincing threat had the desired effect, for the stoop-shouldered chemist moved sullenly toward a small writing desk standing near the window. As his reluctant pen traveled slowly over a sheet of foolscap, the Laughing Mask stood looking over his shoulder, prompting the other's delinquent memory with an occasional quiet word and the insistent menace of that ever-ready revolver. The details of those abhorrent crimes, committed in cold blood by Legar for the sole purpose of setting the police upon his enemy, had practically been completed when a shrill penetrating whistle sounded from the alley.

The Laughing Mask turned quickly to the nearby window and, throwing back the shutters, leaned out and



In the Grasp of the Detectives Were No Less Than Four Laughing Masks.

strove to ascertain the meaning of that foreboding signal. For a moment only he relaxed his guard over the crafty poisoner, but that moment gave to Skidmon the chance he had been seeking. Before the startled girl, watching through the doorway, could cry out a word of warning, he launched himself upon the half-bent figure leaning out of the open window.

Caught at a decided disadvantage and unable to use his weapon, the Laughing Mask suddenly lost his balance, and, grasping wildly at the empty air, plunged headlong from the window down into the abyssal darkness.

He seemed doomed to sure destruction, but fate decreed the springy branch of an elm tree should catch that hurtling body, and the force of his fall was broken when, limp and unconscious, he dropped a second later onto the stone flagging by the cellar doorway.

As the moon swung across the star-strown heavens its pale light disclosed the still form of the unconscious Laughing Mask lying under the laboratory window from which the infuriated scientist had flung him. A one-armed man, who came slinking out of the shadows, saw the inert figure and bent over it with a savage exclamation of triumph. He glanced furtively about him, and, throwing back the bulkhead doors leading into the cellar, dragged the Laughing Mask after him, like a spider dragging a fly into some dark recess.

Legar seemed strangely at home in his dark and gloomy surroundings, for after letting the Laughing Mask drop heavily to the cement flooring, his groping fingers quickly found a battered lantern hanging from a rusty hook. This feeble illumination showed the cellar to be piled with all sorts of discarded household furniture, including a pile of worn-out carpeting near where the masked man was lying. As Legar bent over the helpless figure a faint noise came from the stairway leading to the floor above. He instantly straightened up and made a search for the noises.

From under the pile of carpeting two pairs of long arms suddenly stretched out toward the silent form of the Laughing Mask, and, quickly seizing him by the feet and shoulders, dragged him under the frayed folds of that ancient floor covering. When the scarred outlaw gave up his fruitless search and returned to the place where he had left the Laugh-

ing Mask, with the full intention of dispatching that sworn enemy with his own hands, he gave a gasp of incredulous amazement as it dawned upon him that his intended victim had completely disappeared.

It flashed into his mind that the Laughing Mask might have recovered sufficiently to have crawled up the short flight of cellar steps, and, hurrying outside, he commenced a systematic search of the dark corners where a man in desperate straits might endeavor to hide. He had hardly left the cellar when the pile of threadbare carpet showed signs of sudden agitation, and, in obedience to certain commands issued in painfully broken whispers, two spectral figures emerged from under that singular refuge and glided toward the stairway leading to the upper story, where the laboratory was located.

In that laboratory the wide-eyed Margery Golden was searching the littered work bench, hoping to find something to incriminate the venomous Skidmon. She did not venture to touch the glittering instruments, but turned her attention to the object which was hidden under the thin strip of taweling. When, after a little hesitation, she gingerly raised that dimly covering, she saw a thin glass vessel bearing a printed label and half filled with a gelatinous substance. She stooped and read from the label the words "Colon Bacilli," but that did not convey to her that in the nutrient medium contained in that Petri dish was a culture growth alive with millions of malignant germs. Hoping to find some more tangible clue, she replaced the towel and picked up the open notebook lying near the microscope. Her face went white with the horror of the thing as she deciphered the cramped entries:

May 13—Emmerich has advanced the theory that old age is brought about in large part by the weakened resistance of the subject to the ravages of the bacillus coli, colonies of which invariably infest the digestive tract of every person even though in normal health. The activity and number of these bacilli vastly increase with advancing age, causing a form of auto-

intoxication and a subsequent hardening of the arteries due to increased blood pressure, and other symptoms of general structural decay. It would seem probable that from a sufficiently large colony of colon bacilli a virulent toxic poison might be extracted, which, administered even in minute quantities, should almost immediately attack the tissues and destroy the subject with all the indications of death from extreme old age. Such a poison, apparently unknown to science, and already present in less malignant form in every human system, would be extremely baffling in the event of an autopsy. I shall immediately start experimenting along these lines.

May 15—The colony of colon bacilli which I started in a gelatin culture medium is multiplying rapidly. Flourishes best at blood heat—destroyed at temperature of 60 degrees Centigrade. The change in color from grayish white to brown should indicate an increase in virulence and pathogenic qualities.

May 17—Inoculated guinea pig with bacilli poison—died instantly; body shrunk and withered; much encouraged.

May 20—Discovery has just been put to a gratifying practical test—managed to get a needle infected with the bacilli extract to Legar who had been captured and confined in prison. Legar has just communicated with me. He succeeded in scratching his jailer with the contaminated needle, and the man was seized immediately with convulsions and died in two or three minutes with all the symptoms to be expected. Legar regained his liberty, and now wishes to destroy an entire family named Golden. I will prepare minute capsules which will keep the bacilli alive and—

And as with a shudder Margery came to the last unfinished and cold-blooded entry she heard Skidmon rapidly approaching the door. Thrusting the incriminating journal into her dress, she quickly stole into the back room, where she could watch the laboratory without being observed herself. She saw the unnerved bacteriologist hurriedly drag a battered trunk from a dark and cavernous closet. As he threw an uneasy glance toward the door leading into the hall his face suddenly froze into an expression of abject terror.

Advancing from the doorway came a figure with features cloaked by a mocking yellow mask. This startling apparition deliberately aimed a black

automatic at the terrified scientist and with his left hand silently pointed to the desk where lay the unfinished confession. Skidmon faltered toward the desk in obedience.

But his intelligent mind worked quickly, and by the time he had affixed his name to that document vindicating the masked fugitive from Legar's atrocious crimes he had banished the fears which this supernatural resurrection had caused him and determined on a course of action. Rising from the desk he approached the Laughing Mask, who was standing near the open closet with his ready weapon in his hand. Skidmon held out the signed confession, but before the other could take it the paper, with seeming inadvertence, slipped from the fingers of the scientist and fluttered to the floor. As he stooped to regain it he suddenly hurled his weight against the legs of his unsuspecting enemy with a force that sent him toppling over backward into the depths of the closet, and before the Laughing Mask could regain his footing the door had been swung shut and bolted.

Margery, from her place of concealment, saw the loose-lipped malefactor make a motion as though to destroy the confession, but he suddenly grew rigid as though gripped again by the hand of fear. Following the direction in which his eyes were staring, she saw the reason for his trepidation. A figure masked in the identical manner as the man just imprisoned in the closet came slowly through the hall doorway.

"It would be foolish to tear up that little document," he said in tones of grim determination, "for you would have to write it over. As it is rather essential to my welfare, I'll trouble you to hand it to me."

But instead of complying with this demand the dazed and panic-stricken analyst backed slowly away from that terrifying specter. His retreat was suddenly checked by the laboratory work bench, on which he heavily dropped a trembling hand to steady himself. As he did so there came a sharp sound of breaking glass and, with an abrupt cry of pain, he flung up his deeply gashed hand, splashed with blood and a thick ooze of gelatinous matter. He turned and saw the splintered pieces of the fragile vessel which had contained the colon bacilli culture. A dull moan of horror came from his blue lips as he realized he was hopelessly inoculated with the deadly virus.

In wild desperation he caught up the towel from the work bench and scrubbed the smear of blood and sticky substance from his open wound. But the strip of linen dropped from his nerveless fingers as a series of convulsive tremors shook his tortured body. Then his knees gave way under him and he slowly sank upon the floor, and after several jerky spasms his pain-racked form was stilled in death.

Overcome by the sight of that gruesome tragedy, Margery stood rooted to the floor, inarticulate and trembling. She saw the Laughing Mask pick up the confession and go out of the laboratory toward the stairway. Still holding the revolver, he descended to the cellar with the air of a man whose mission is but half finished. Even as he hastily concealed himself back of the piles of carpet he heard Legar returning from his futile search of the premises. That puzzled worker of iniquity suddenly found himself looking into a revolver held by the Laughing Mask, who had stepped out of the shadows.

Realizing he had been outwitted and that resistance was useless, Legar raised his arms above his head in obedience to the curt command of the other. But the evil genius was not slumbering, and as his lifted right hand came in contact with a large earthen flower pot standing on a shelf above him he grasped that heavy object and hurled it with all his strength full in the face of his masked opponent.

That crashing and unexpected blow accomplished its purpose, for the Laughing Mask dropped in a motionless heap as though he had been struck by a bullet. The one-armed man, bending over his apparently lifeless enemy, saw a paper protruding from the inner pocket of his coat. As he glanced at it by the sickly light of the lantern he realized its purport, and hurried up the stairs to call Skidmon to account for disclosing his guilty secrets.

The first door he opened proved to be that of a small butler's pantry, and by the flickering light of the match he saw in the gloomy compartment a statue-like form standing with folded arms. The silently accusing figure wore a yellow mask. With a half-strangled oath he dropped the glowing match end and slammed the door on that masked apparition.

He raced up the stairs to the third story landing, where he paused to regain his breath before entering the laboratory of his traitorous henchman. He suddenly recoiled as though struck a blow. Down the narrow passage came the Laughing Mask.

For a moment the terrorized malefactor cowered against the rickety banisters. Then, as that dread figure came nearer, he wheeled about and steadily mounting up to meet him came another figure with its face also covered by a cynically smiling yellow mask. The despairing criminal turned and fled toward the attic, but standing motionless at the top of that flight of stairs was still another yellow-hooded figure. Like some fear-crazed animal, Legar rushed, blindly through the laboratory doorway. Skidmon's body lay where it had fallen, and as Legar's eye fell on that ghastly and

distorted face he gave a sobbing moan of fear.

As he glanced toward the hall doorway he saw his escape was cut off in that direction, for standing on the threshold was a quietly waiting Laughing Mask. He threw open the door leading into the chamber where Skidmon had been engaged in packing his effects, but stationed in the center of that room was a forbidding form wearing a yellow visor. As Legar backed away from that hateful vision he tripped over the body of the dead scientist and fell heavily, striking his forehead a sharp blow against the edge of the laboratory bench. He slowly got to his feet, pressing his hand in a dazed manner against his injured temple, from which a little crimson stream was trickling down into his eyes.

Catching up the towel which had covered the glass vessel broken by Skidmon, he mopped the blood from his eyes, and the jagged wound on his forehead. Then as he felt a clammy moisture on his fevered skin he hastily examined the towel and saw it was smeared with a substance resembling a crushed jelly fish. He saw none of that gelatinous matter on the bench and quickly picked out of it a piece of broken glass bearing a printed label. As he read the words "Colon Bacilli," he knew his doom was sealed.

With distended eyes and foam-flecked lips he suddenly pitched headlong to the floor, where he lay writhing and twisting like a soul in torment. As the relentless poison ate into his vitals his convulsive struggles weakened, and death stilled forever his thrashing iron claw.

Then the shuddering girl became conscious that the Laughing Mask was standing near, and as he stooped and took the confession from the stiffening fingers of the dead criminal she saw his yellow visor was torn and spashed with blood.

Suddenly there resounded through the quiet house the sound of crashing blows delivered upon the front door, followed a moment later by heavily pounding feet as the raiding detectives, headed by Captain Brackett, came storming up the stairs. Presently with Enoch Golden and the heavy-jawed captain in the lead they came crowding into the room where he and Margery were waiting. In the grasp of those astounded detectives were no less than four Laughing Masks, each one an exact counterpart of the other.

The detectives tore the yellow coverings of their prisoners and disclosed the straightforward and unfamiliar features of four young men of about the same age as David Manley. With a puzzled exclamation the police captain approached the remaining Laughing Mask standing by the side of Margery Golden. That man of mystery silently extended Skidmon's confession to the police captain, who glanced hastily through it.

"Well, I guess that lets you off," he muttered with evident disappointment, "but now you're clear of the law, what's the use of hidin' under that mask?"

With a quick and decisive movement the Laughing Mask stripped off that grotesquely smiling piece of yellow cambric, revealing the handsome and boyish face of the young secretary, David Manley.

"Now that Legar is dead, my disguise has served its purpose," he explained in quiet tones, as he glanced around that circle of intent listeners. "He knew I would try to protect my employer and his daughter from his evil purpose of revenge, and by acting in a double role I was able to fight him to better advantage. I finally organized four of my friends into a sort of secret order of Laughing Masks, but they always kept in



The Laughing Mask Stood Looking Over His Shoulder.

the background except on one or two pressing occasions. Miss Wilkins, my stepister, made our masks, and we used her garden as a meeting place. Miss Golden has known all this since we worsted Legar in the coal mine, and I think she will join me in inviting you all to come to a little affair which is going to be held in a church in the very near future."

As Margery turned away to hide her tears and her blushes, her father warmly grasped his former secretary's hand, and after a moment the solemn red face of Captain Brackett slowly cracked into a sheepish grin as he extended his beefy paw to David Manley alias the Laughing Mask.

(THE END.)



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## Kentucky News Cullings

An epitome of most important events transpiring in state

Paducah.—Police Chief Luther Graham has been instructed to enforce the proclamation of President Wilson in regard to aliens, and will comply.

Louisville.—Three men are dead and three others were injured as the result of an explosion in the boiler room at the shops of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co.

Louisville.—Roy Wiley, 21 years old, of Cropper, Ky., one of a squad of soldiers guarding a bridge, was found dead by his relief. His skull had been crushed by a train.

Eddyville.—Professional and business men of Lyon county will speak at every schoolhouse in the county within the next few days, urging the farmers to plant large crops.

Paducah.—T. E. Hughes, 40 years old, was fined \$100 in police court on the charge of cursing American soldiers and President Wilson. He is subject to prosecution by federal authorities.

Lexington.—Patriotic in pocketbook as well as heart, the revenue payers of the Seventh Internal Revenue district broke all records for tax payments. A single day's total collections amounted to \$95,901.01.

Louisville.—Free Lance, by Imp Alvecot out of Merry Heart, winner of the Latonia Derby in 1912, was killed in a terrific battle with Ralph, another thoroughbred, at Bashford Manor, the home of George J. Long, his owner, near here.

Paducah.—The wireless plant at the high school will be dismantled in compliance with orders from Washington, D. C. The plant was erected last fall by seniors and messages were received from as far as Springfield and Alton, Ill.

Paris.—A unanimous call has been issued by the congregation of the Paris Presbyterian church to the Rev. John J. Rice, of Nicholasville. The Paris church has been without a pastor since the resignation over a year ago of the Rev. Dr. Shive.

Lexington.—George Land, commissioner of public safety, announced his withdrawal from the race for sheriff, having decided to stand for re-election as city commissioner. Land was considered one of the strongest candidates in the race.

Lexington.—The faculty of the University of Kentucky answered the nation's cry for more food by passing resolutions permitting all students, male or female, to return to their home at any time they may choose without loss of credit if they devote their time to the production of food-stuff.

Whitesburg.—With the unusually satisfactory market conditions prevailing throughout the country and the car situation greatly improved on all the railroads in Eastern Kentucky unprecedented activity continues throughout the mountain coal fields, which are attracting coal operators, financiers and others from all sections of the country.

Ashland.—The Hardwood Manufacturing Association of the United States held a school of instruction at the lumber yards of the Van Sant-Kitchen Lumber Co., of this city, at which the inspectors of the association in this section and other lumber men were present. These gatherings are held once or twice each year for the purpose of instructing inspectors how to uniformly inspect lumber.

Lexington.—Companies of the Second and Third Kentucky Regiments have been ordered to begin mobilizing here at the new mobilization site, just approved by the War Department, three miles from Lexington. Accompanied by Col. George T. Smith, of the Second Regiment, Lieut. Col. Guy H. Preston, of the Second United States Cavalry, went to the mobilization site, looked over the ground and assigned reservations.

Louisville.—Failure on the part of the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Car Service Commission of the American Railways Association to relieve the shortage of freight cars in the United States is charged in resolutions adopted by directors of the Louisville Board of Trade. Copies of the resolutions were sent to the Interstate Commerce Commission and to the association.

Hopkinsville.—An exchange of first assistant physicians at the Western Kentucky Hospital for the Insane and the Eastern Hospital became effective. Dr. H. G. Sanders goes to Lexington and Dr. J. C. Sullivan comes to Hopkinsville.

Lexington.—Three boys giving their names as James King, Cincinnati; Exter Johnson, California, and Edward Walters, Pikeville, were held to the grand jury charged with the theft of the automobile of M. C. Johnson several nights ago.

Shepherdsville.—Plans are under way for the construction of a modern two-room schoolhouse at Hebron, four miles north of here, on the Louisville pike. The building will be modern in every detail.

Covington.—"Bob White," classed as a song bird, and protected by the Audubon Society of Kentucky, must enter the realm of quail, pheasant and other game birds and be the target for Nimrods in the future, according to resolutions passed by the society, meeting here.

Lexington.—Addresses by Miss Mary Creswell and Miss Madge Reese, of the Department of Agriculture, of Washington, feature the program of the two weeks' conference of the women county agents here. The speakers discussed practical problems of household engineering.

At Sterling.—Business and professional men of this city have organized the "Mt. Sterling Minute Men," with a membership of 50 men. It will be recruited to 100 as rapidly as possible. The enthusiastic meeting was presided over by Col. Webster, of Huntington.

Paducah.—Suggestions for the increase and conservation of farm products were unanimously adopted at a large and representative meeting of farmers, bankers, professional and business men from the counties of the First Congressional District held at the county court house.

Franklin.—County Farm Agent Kelly, aided by the ministers of Franklin, launched a movement here to induce the pupils of Franklin graded and high schools to grow and can vegetables during vacation. Vacant lots and other idle ground have been promised for the use of the students.

Central City, Ky.—The Central Coal & Iron Co., whose stock was owned by Shelby Gish and T. Coleman Du Pont, has sold out the mines at this place to a concern known as the Madison Coal Corporation. The Central Coal & Iron Co. will still operate its mines at Echols and McHenry.

Carlisle.—An effort to increase the raising of food products will be made in Nicholas county. In this city arrangements have already been made to cultivate all available space. Farmers are announcing that they will reduce their intended tobacco acreage to raise more potatoes, corn and other foodstuffs.

Franklin.—County Judge D. H. Haber held a court of inquiry on the Bass farm, two miles southeast of Woodburn, in the hope of ascertaining how Tobias Bailey, who was found dead near a tenant house on the farm, came by his death. Dr. Keen, who examined the body, gave it as his opinion that death was caused from violence.

Paducah.—Loose leaf tobacco deliveries the past week were but half as large as the previous week. Since the greater part of tobacco, bought under contract, has been delivered loose receipts naturally will diminish. The loose leaf market has been less active, the main reason for which being that unsold stocks are becoming small.

Barbourville.—The Kentucky-Tennessee petroleum fields are now filled with operators who are after leases for development and not to sell, as in former days, when stock speculation and lease-scalping prevailed to a greater extent than actual development. Big concerns all over the country are acquiring leases in Kentucky and Tennessee.

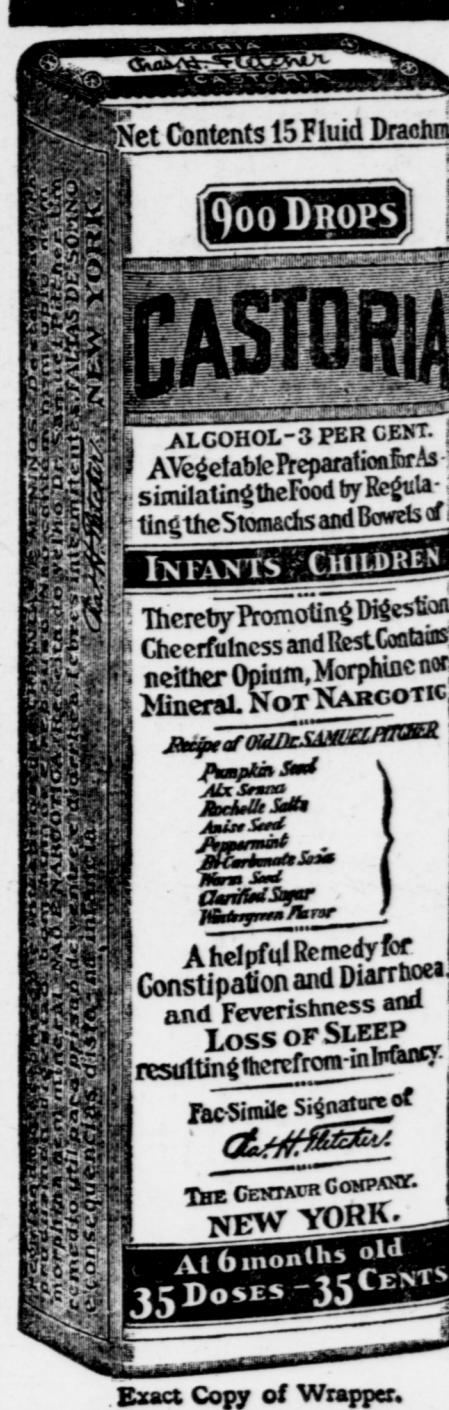
Whitesburg.—A strong guard is being maintained around the large central power plant of the Consolidation Coal Co. at Jenkins, in this county, through which transmission lines supply all the plants of the Consolidation and the Elkhorn Mining Corporation in Boone's fork and Beaver creek, which was threatened a week ago with being blown up by German spies.

Fort Thomas.—Because the Fort Thomas military training quarters are overcrowded with recruits, young men who during the next several days enlist in the army at Louisville and other parts of Kentucky will be sent to the barracks at Columbus, O. Major E. P. Orton announced that more than 2,900 are at Fort Thomas post. As soon as tents arrive recruits will again be received at Fort Thomas.

Lexington.—The question of how units now on duty are to be retaken into the Federal service was settled with the receipt of the following order: "The initial muster of units of your regiments on guard duty pursuant to state orders prior to the President's call will be effected at their present stations with the minimum interference with duties on which engaged. The initial muster of units of your regiment not on guard duty pursuant to state orders will be effected at mobilization camp, Lexington."

Lexington.—Authority has been granted Company C, Second Regiment, here, to draft eighty more men provisionally. The company is already recruited up to the authorized strength of seventy men, while the war strength is 150.

Lexington.—Acting under orders from J. E. Dillon, radio inspector for the Ninth Amateur District, Lexington's seven amateur wireless operators dismantled their radio stations. They will keep them out of commission until further orders.



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"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it. E. W. Godwin, F. S. A., built this house."

The stone has long since disappeared. Godwin died in 1886, and in 1888 Whistler married his widow—a quaint ending to an artistic feud.

Considering "H. C. L." "O mamma, come here," called Maud, "a whole lot of kittens are in our cat's basket."

"Our cat has got these kittens for herself," laughed mother. "Hasn't she a nice family?"

"Well," said Maud, "it is all right to have a family, but I should think she would have them one at a time."

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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## FOR JUDGE,

Cam Mullins, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.  
G. M. Ballard, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.  
FOR COUNTY ATTORNEY,  
E. R. Gentry, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.  
E. B. Thompson, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.

## FOR SHERIFF,

Tip Langford, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.  
L. G. Clark, of Orlando, Ky.

## FOR COUNTY COURT CLERK,

J. B. Cummins, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.  
S. F. Bowman, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.  
James Proctor, of Orlando, Ky.

## FOR JAILER,

"Little" Tom Taylor, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.  
Logue Sowder, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.  
G. W. Decker, of Cedarville, Ky.  
J. S. Southards, of Pine Hill, Ky.  
Frank Mullins, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.  
R. B. Shephard, of Orlando, Ky.  
J. W. Chasteen, of Johnetta, Ky.  
J. L. Arnold, of Livingston, Ky.  
Jas. Winstead, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.  
S. A. Drew, of Burr, Ky.

## FOR SUPT. OF SCHOOLS,

Mrs. Alice Davis, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.  
W. R. Dickerson, of Livingston, Ky.

## FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR,

Rev. Wm. M. Durham, Johnetta, Ky.

## FOR MAGISTRATE,

FIRST DISTRICT,  
W. M. Sowder, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.

## FOURTH DISTRICT,

G. W. Murphy, of Livingston, Ky.

## FOR CONSTABLE,

FIRST DISTRICT,  
J. A. Jones, of Mt. Vernon, Ky.

## FOR REPRESENTATIVE,

71st Legislative District,  
Laurel and Rockcastle.  
John R. Floyd, of Laurel County.

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One citizen has been found who is "agin" the agitation of the question of bigger crops, says he raises stuff to sell, but don't want others to produce enough to make the low prices. Now wouldn't that jar you?

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Monday last was a red letter

day, in patriotism, for old Rockcastle, when citizens from almost every nook and corner of her territory gathered in Mt. Vernon and held the greatest meeting ever occurring within its history. At half past one o'clock, on the above date a long procession of hundreds of marching enthusiastic patriots including more than 300 school children, carrying flags and banners, led by automobiles of glee singers, chanting patriotic songs, passed over the streets and halted in the court house yard, where the song America was most fittingly and in-prungly rendered; everybody joining in with a hearty good will. The Star Spangled Banner followed; then acting chairman W. J. Sparks mounted the platform and in fitting words stated the object of the outpouring of our people on this occasion. He then introduced Circuit Judge B. J. Betheram, who had adjourned court to take part in this great rally of the people. His subject was war and what it had done for our country in 1776, 1812, 1861 and 1898 and the cause that brought our country into the conflict now raging in Europe, the continued murder of Americans by Germans in torpedoing from submarines, neutral ships upon which our citizens were passengers or sailors and general frightfulness in that lawless conduct against the lives and commerce of Americans. "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp the boys are marching" was sung by the smaller pupils of the schools the elders joining in the chorus, Attorney C. C. Williams was the next speaker; his subject being crops, intensive cultivation, and the necessity for every one working; that not only our home people must be fed but our soldiers allies and others in Europe must have rations if this war is to be won for our well being and the liberty of the world and free seas. He plead that our farmers waste not a minute of time or leave any possible land uncultivated and dwell upon the importance of saving and to waste nothing and to work as they had never worked before.

R. F. Spence, government county agent, located at Berea, but whose territory of activity covers the counties of Estill, Jackson and Rockcastle followed Mr. Williams advising our farmers to exert themselves at this time in their work, stating that he was at their command at any time free of expense when his services or advice is needed. He said everyone, even down to the small boy can be of service in this war. Those of the men who could not go to the front could cultivate the crops, the girls could assist their mothers about the house kitchen and garden, chicken raising, etc., thereby giving the men more time in the fields. He hoped that if the draft system was adapted that all the trifling loafers would be the first taken leaving the workers in the crops. The boys, he said, can be of great assistance in many many ways in the work.

Judge L. W. Bethurum spoke in behalf of Rockcastle's three banks, stating that they were interested in this movement for bigger and better crops and are ready to loan to the farmers money for the purchase of necessary seed when they are unable to get them otherwise that our people to-day are neither Democrats or Republicans in this war but all good Americans and that any good citizen unable to secure proper seed for planting his crops can readily find an indorser for from \$15 to \$50 on a bank note to secure the needed money.

Commonwealths Attorney Walter Flippin spoke on economy and temperance during this war. Demonstrating that everyone should deny themselves some of the luxuries or something they could do without more especially intoxicants, which does no one any good but is harmful extravagant and wasteful, particularly under present circumstances; re-

questing that if anyone who could not or would not forego taking a drink for the love of Mike, to keep it to themselves and let no one know of it.

Rev. H. T. Young's subject was Peace. He justified our country on its entrance into the European war claiming that we are fighting for peace and freedom of the world and the seas thereof as much or more so than in the war for our independence in 1776.

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A girl baby about four months old was found by the side of the railroad track at the north end of the long tunnel just north of Brush Creek, about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The baby was found just after the fast train passed and is supposed to have been thrown from the train. The little one was still alive when found but died at 2 o'clock this morning.

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The County Board of Education will meet on May 7, 1917, at Superintendent's office, for the purpose of receiving bids on school buildings in the following districts:

District No. 58, near Brodhead, Chestnut Grove

District No. 81, near Conway

District No. 80, on State road, near Cooksburg.

All houses to be 24x30 ft., with ceiling 10 ft. high, except the house in District No. 81, is to be 18x20 and joined to the other school building. Other bids may be let on the same day. All bids to be accompanied by a bond of \$250, to remain in force six months after house is completed. This is to guarantee material and workmanship of ceiling and roof. All buildings to be let to the lowest and best bidder, the said Board of Education reserving the right to reject any bid not satisfactory.

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## OIL NEWS.

Oil men are thick as hops about Conway and there is no longer any question about oil on the East side. At Boone a short distance from the Madison line oil has been found and a conservative estimate is from 10 to 25 bbl well some says more.

The Rockcastle Oil & Gas Co., are working early and late on well on Bray farm. They are down about 600 feet.

H. S. Shater has begun drilling on Steve Prices' farm 4 miles East of town. This is on Chestnut Ridge, the highest point selected by any drillers as yet for sinking a well. Mr. Shater told a Signal representative that he hoped to strike the sand at about 1000 feet, which will be the same sand which brought in the gas well on the Levisay farm. Mr. Shater is a real oil man and we are expecting results from his operations.

The Brodhead Company are still at work on Furnish farm. They are down about 800 feet.

We have been unable to learn when the two Cummins' wells and that at Brodhead will be "shot." They have been ready for it for some time.

H. M. Backus, a Cleveland, Ohio, oil man arrived here Monday and will remain for some time. He visited the Cummins and Brodhead wells and other territory during the week.

Brown's Men's Class conducted the services at the Christian Church Sunday evening and it was a successful meeting. E. R. Gentry, president of the class was Master of ceremonies, V. C. Tate, presided at the organ, R. H. Miller, Musical director, E. S. Albright, read the scripture lesson, and the talks by Prof. Lyon, "The decline of the Rural church" and Mr. Brown on "Why and how study the Bible", were especially enjoyed. The house was filled every one present spoke in the highest terms of the successful outcome.

## CIRCUIT COURT

Circuit Court convened Monday. Judge Bethurum delivered a strong and impressive charge, outlining the duty of those who serve in that important place.

The following are those selected as jurors;

## GRAND JURY

M. S. Stokes, W. A. Mink, Jake Doan, J. J. Brown, Jones French, Levi Denny, H. S. Daily, Raymond Dowell, A. Cummins, J. W. Marler, D. S. Bullock and Joe Ballinger.

## PETIT JURY

PANEL NO 1:—John Cromer, M. G. Noe, Lee McClure, G. W. Murphy, John Baker, J. B. Burdett, J. J. Bullock, Dave Webb, James Thomas, Robert Bloomer, Robt Hicks, John Sawyers.

PANEL NO 2:—Green Kirby, John B. Childress, Harrison Haie, L. Skidmore, George Sarvis, Bill Riddle, Logan Arnold, John Cummins, Sr., W. M. Meadows, A. E. Cox, J. S. Meece, Jas Price.

## RESERVE JURY.

T. R. Mullins, Wesley Abney, J. W. Mullins, Bert Owens, W. M. Kirby, Francis Hurst.

Commonwealth Attorney Walter Flippin, who is proving himself an able prosecutor, is at his post of duty and those who have watched his course are convinced that he really means to enforce the law and are much pleased with his course.

The following cases were disposed of up to Thursday at noon.

A. J. Head, Gethsemane, illegally consigning whiskey, fined \$50.

George Winstead, shooting on highway, \$50.

Chris Mullins, breach of peace \$50.

Edgar Mullins, shooting on highway, \$50.

Emmett Quinn, drawing pistol, \$50.

Presenting pistol, \$50.

John Wilson, forfeiture of bond, \$100.

A number of misdemeanor cases were tried followed by acquittals.

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## U. S. TO TAKE HAND IN FOOD QUESTION

CONTROL OF FOODSTUFFS AND  
MAKING OF PRICES—AGRICUL-  
TURE BUREAU TO SUPERVISE.

Authority Is Sought to Take Over  
Concerns—Government to Make  
Survey of Nation's Supplies.

Washington.—The Government's program for food control during the war was put before Congress by Secretary Houston in a communication to the Senate asking power for the Department of Agriculture to take direct supervision of food production and distribution in the United States and requesting a \$25,000,000 appropriation for putting the plan into operation. Authority was asked for the Council of National Defense, in an emergency, to buy and sell foodstuffs and to fix maximum or minimum prices. As outlined to the Senate the Government's plan is first to make a complete survey of the country's food supply to determine its ownership and distribution, then if necessary to license and control the operations of all concerns engaged in the manufacture of food or feeds, agricultural implements and all materials required for agricultural purposes.

Authority is sought for the Agricultural Department to take over and operate the concerns if it appears any time that course is demanded by the public interest. Giving the Government power to deal directly in foodstuffs probably would make its application unnecessary. Secretary Houston declared, as its very existence would tend to keep conditions normal. He proposed that the Government should have full discretion, saying it might be wise if an emergency arose to fix prices on a single commodity. Market grades and classes for farm products, Secretary Houston said, is one of the chief needs of the country to insure proper conditions in producing and marketing farm products.

### MORE CORN. HOUSTON URGES

Appeals to Farmers to Boost Production of Corn—Large Crops Necessary to Meet Demands.

Washington.—An appeal to the farmers to increase the production of corn in the United States to the fullest extent this year in order to meet the increased demand resulting from the war emergency was made in a statement issued by Secretary Houston, of the Department of Agriculture.

The statement in part follows: "Corn is America's most important cereal. It can be grown successfully over a wider area than any other and furnishes nutritious food for man as well as the staple grain feed for cattle and draft animals.

"The production of corn should be increased this year to the fullest extent, taking into consideration seed, labor and existing economic conditions and the availability of good land in corn-growing regions not needed more urgently for other crops. The acreage may well be increased in most of the country east of the one hundredth meridian, as corn in general thrives in this region.

"An appreciable increase in the corn crop is most feasible, however, in the sections of highest corn production. Favorable growing conditions exist in such regions; farmers there are familiar with corn growing; they have the necessary equipment available and have adapted corn production to prevailing economic conditions."

### BATTLE ON SOUTHERN FRONT

French War Department Still Reports Progress in the Region of Champagne.

Paris.—Hard fighting continues between the French and the Germans all along the southern front in France. The French war office, in its communication just issued, records further progress for the forces of General Nivelle north of the Aisne, in Champagne and in the Argonne forest. More than 19,000 Germans have been made prisoners and guns in excess of 100 have been captured by the French since the offensive began.

### GUN PLANT FOR CHARLESTON

Navy Officials Meet At An Armor Plant Site and Plan Addition.

Charleston, W. Va.—Following a visit to Charleston of a commission from the Navy Department, headed by Rear Admiral Ralph Earle, Chief of the Ordnance Bureau, announcement was made that the Government would erect a large gun-forging plant at Charleston in addition to the armor plate and projectile plants which will be erected near this city.

### "Slackers" Found On Border.

Brownsville, Texas.—Authorities here are investigating reports that fear of conscription into the United States army is causing many Mexicans, both Mexican and American-born, to quit this state for Mexico. Farmers fear a scarcity of labor in Southern Texas.

May Leave Schools and Help Farmers. Columbus, O.—Educational institutions in Ohio favor a plan to dismiss young men so they may go to the farms and help produce larger crops.

## WOMEN PREPARE TO PRODUCE FOOD FROM THE LAND



Many of the women of America are trying to fit themselves to jump into the places left vacant by the men who are called to the colors. The photograph shows Miss Kathryn Freeman and Miss Freda Lane operating a tractor on the farm of the New York state school of agriculture at Farmingdale, L. I. A number of women are studying farming at this school so that they will be able to teach the people how to cultivate every inch of their garden plot and raise enough vegetables to supply their own families.

### WAR FUNDS ARE PROVIDED

United States Senate Approves Greatest Budget in History Without Dissenting Vote.

Washington.—The war finance bill, providing for issuance of \$7,000,000,000 in securities—the largest single war budget in any nation's history—was passed unanimously by the Senate. After seven hours of discussion the Administration measure, which was passed by the House, and which provides for a loan to the allies of \$3,000,000,000, was approved by the Senate, with a few changes, in record time. The amendments may necessitate a conference, or the Senate changes may be accepted by the House. In either event the executive branch of the Government conducting the war with Germany will, within a few hours, have authorization for the great war chest at its disposition.

To expedite action, the Senate appointed conferees to act if the House should not, contrary to expectations, accept the Senate changes. Of the 84 Senators present every one, including all those who voted against war, except Senator Lane, of Oregon, who was absent because of illness, recorded themselves in favor of providing the funds to prosecute hostilities.

### SHIPMENTS TO NEUTRALS

Will Not Be Banned Under Export Regulations—First Object Is to Provide for America's Needs.

Washington.—In any policy that may be adopted to regulate the export of food supplies during the war the American Government has no intention of interfering with shipments of supplies of European or other neutral nations, except where assistance to Germany is likely to result. This was learned after Minister Van Rappard of The Netherlands had conferred with President Wilson on the subject. Representatives of other neutral European countries have displayed anxiety on the point as a result of the entrance of the United States in the war and the introduction in congress of bills giving the President authority to place embargoes on exports.

Food exports will furnish one of the principal problems to be taken up with the British and French commissions now en route to Washington. The general policy of the American Government is to take cognizance of the serious food situations existing in several European neutral nations, although its first object will be to provide for the needs of the American people and assist as far as possible the Entente allies.

### HAD AFFECTED RECRUITING

Action of Insurance Commissioners May Relieve Handicap Caused by Premium Increase.

Des Moines, Iowa.—In an effort to stimulate enlistment through the eastern states a committee of the National Association of State Insurance Commissioners started work on plans for a uniform provision to be affixed to all insurance policies issued to persons of military age. It was said the 10 per cent increase of the premium on policies issued on persons enlisted or about to enlist in any military organization was proving a serious handicap to recruiting.

### Mother and Babes Perish.

Mancelona, Mich.—The lives of three persons were sacrificed in a fire which followed an explosion of an oil stove in a lumber camp eight miles from here. Bernard Marks, a woodman, who attempted to rescue the three, nearly lost his own life. The young mother rushed blindly into the house to save her little ones, but was overcome and perished with them.

### Return Fire of Mexican Snipers.

El Paso, Texas.—Snipers fired on American border patrols in the western part of El Paso; the fire was returned by a detachment of the Twentieth United States Infantry; one Caranza soldier was killed. Brigadier-General George Bell, Jr., in command at El Paso, immediately sent a strong protest to the Mexican military authorities, through Mexican Consul Soriano Bravo; at the same time orders were issued to the American troops to shoot to kill when attacked by Mexican troops.

## PRESENT SYSTEM IS NOT SATISFACTORY

IN AUGMENTING ARMY BY VOL-  
UNTEER RESPONSE—REPORT  
CALLS PLAN INADEQUATE.

Urges Selective Draft as Solution—  
Previous Wars Have Proved the  
Folly of Present Method.

Washington.—The volunteer system was assailed as uncertain and inadequate and the selective draft was declared to be in recognition of just principles in the majority report written by Chairman Chamberlain, of the Military Committee, and submitted to the Senate on the Administration bill. "This is no time to tolerate uncertainty in the raising and the maintenance of the large number of men which the present emergency is likely to require, nor uncertainty in the methods to be adopted for the establishment of an adequate, efficient military service," says the report. "The bill makes certain the raising and maintenance of the required forces with the utmost expedition.

"It establishes the principle that all arms-bearing citizens owe to the nation the duty of defending it. It selects only those who by reason of their age and physical capacity are the best fitted to receive the training and to stand the actual hardship of a campaign, and who happily can be taken with least disturbance of normal economic and industrial conditions."

After calling attention to the fact that the selective draft has been recognized by "a world in arms" as the "only adequate and effectual" method of raising an army, the report says the bill provides thorough means of recruiting the regular army and the national guard for absorbing more than 600,000 volunteers.

### MAKE GERMAN SHIPS READY

Legislation Being Prepared Giving Authority to Shipping Board to Take Craft of Others.

Washington.—Vigorous steps are being taken by the Government to make the seized German ships ready for sea and also to prepare to take over ships being built for neutrals to American yards. A bill to empower the Shipping Board to take foreign-built craft on the ways and pay for them probably will be introduced in Congress. Nearly 1,200,000 tons now are building for foreign interests. The scarcity of officers for the great fleet the Shipping Board plans may require other legislation to relax some of the restrictions of the present law.

### RIOTING IN PORTO ALEGRE

German Colony Is Scene of Disturbances—Shots Fired; Several Wounded.

Rio Janeiro, Brazil.—Serious rioting occurred in Porto Alegre, where manifestations against the German colony have been in progress for several days. As a street car, crowded with passengers, passed a German hotel, several shots were fired from the building. Several persons were wounded. This angered the people, and there was a renewed outbreak of violence directed against the Germans. The authorities took measures to restore quiet. Several Germans were arrested.

### Will Not Escape Their Obligation.

Washington.—Men of military age who have married since a state of war against Germany was declared, will not escape their obligation of military service under a War Department policy announced formally.

### Fifteen Days Without Food.

Baltimore, Md.—After being without food and water 15 days, during which time they saw their five comrades die of thirst, one committing suicide when in delirium, Emanuel Jaunig, mate, and Herman Week, seaman, of the British schooner Anitina, Captain Brathley, were brought to this port on a Norwegian steamer and are in a hospital. Their bodies are covered with salt-water boils and it is not certain they will recover. The boat capsized and the rations were lost. Rain squalls gave them their only water.

### U. S. TO FIX FOOD PRICES

Famine May Become Reality Unless World's Harvest Fields Meet Situation, O. U. Head Says.

Columbus, O.—Gov. James M. Cox told Ohio Farm Directors, in session here, that the Federal Government will fix minimum prices for farmers' products. The state is powerless to act, he said. Reports submitted indicated that while many farmers have decided to produce more food, others have contented themselves by saying they will do no more than usual because labor is too hard to obtain. The Governor, when discussing price fixing, admitted it would have its drawbacks, but defended the subsidizing of the farmers on the ground that it would have some compensation, as it would also enable the Federal Government to prescribe maximum prices. The Governor said it is time for the Government to "place the heavy hand of regulation on prices for food products as a means of defeating the food speculators and those who manipulate prices." He said the farmers themselves should not be permitted to name the prices, which may be considerably lower than the market prices. The Governor's appeal to the farmers came after members of the state organization of 55 district supervisors had spoken.

Concluding his appeal, the Governor said the world is asking the farmers to provide food "for those who are fighting the battles of democracy."

President William O. Thompson, of Ohio State University, who presided, said the nation has never been really hungry and therefore does not know what it means. He emphasized the extreme food shortage and said that famine may become a reality unless the world's harvest fields meet the situation.

### WHEAT PLACED ON FREE LIST

Thus Opening Ports to United States in Those Products, Due to Difficulty To Export.

Ottawa.—The Government has placed wheat, wheat flour and semolina on the free list, thus opening United States markets to Canada and Canadian markets to the United States in these products. Under the reciprocal clause of the American tariff the United States will admit free wheat and wheat products of any country which admits American wheat without duty. The Canadian tariff heretofore has prevented this privilege being availed of.

The action taken by the Canadian Government removes the duty and automatically opens the markets of each country to the other.

The order is due to difficulty of export abroad, owing to the shortage of ocean tonnage and the fact that the British market virtually has been virtually closed for Canada wheat of lower grade. The duties removed are 10 cents a bushel on wheat and 45 cents a barrel on flour.

### SAY GERMANS ARE STRIKING

Travelers Reaching Holland Report Riots Following Going Into Effect of New Ration.

London.—Travelers arriving in Holland from Germany, according to a dispatch from Amsterdam to the Central News Agency, say that a general strike has commenced in Berlin and that riots have taken place in the German capital.

Copenhagen.—The reduced bread ration in Germany has now gone into effect. Judging from the tone of the press and the news items in German newspapers, it appears that the reduction has caused great discontent among workmen and even threats to retaliate by strikes.

### Kills Wife and Mother-in-Law.

Yonkers, N. Y.—After a quarrel about the war with his mother-in-law, a native of Germany, and his wife, Rev. Robert F. Berry, pastor of a Presbyterian Church in East Yonkers, shot and killed both women, wounded his sister-in-law and then ended his life. He left a note containing only two words, "Insane Prussians." From Miss Caroline Bahr, the clergyman's sister-in-law, police say, they learned Rev. Mr. Berry purchased a pistol several days ago, saying he had joined the Home Defense Guard.

### WRITER MAKES ODD FRIENDS

Sometimes Attentions Which Are Received From Strangers Prove to Be Anything But Pleasant.

Print is prone to induce curious revelations from strangers. You write, perhaps, a story that tries to be true to simple human emotions, and the next thing you know somebody in Idaho is writing you all about his wife or baby. It is touching, but quaint.

I have come to be a little suspicious of letters from strangers that purport to be simple letters of appreciation. I used to be very much flattered by them until my brief notes of thanks drew forth such unexpected replies. It appeared that the writers of the letters were writers of other works as well; they were sending these to me forthwith: would I kindly read and comment?

My experience is, I gather, not unique. A writer friend, whose published poetry is marked by peculiar sanity, has received from more than one unknown source effusions so bizarre that they can emanate from nothing but a madhouse.

It is easy to silence by silence these unseen acquaintances, but others nearer by demand tact. Among these are people who tell me stories they want me to tell. They never can understand why I don't use the material. As a matter of fact, raw romance striking enough to impress the lay mind is much too striking for a writer's employment. Truth that is stranger than fiction is what every story teller must add if he is to write stories true enough to be read.—Winifred Kirkland, in Atlantic Monthly.

### His Vow.

Patrick Dennis, who was addicted to drinking whisky, was often urged by his friends to sign the pledge, but with no avail, until one day they read to him from a paper an account of a man who had become so saturated with alcohol that on attempting to blow out a candle his breath ignited, and he was blown completely to atoms.

A look of horror spread over Dennis' face, and his friends felt the long-desired moment of repentance had come.

"Bring me the book, boys—bring me the book," he said. "His breath took fire, did it? Sure, I'll never die that death."

The book was placed before him.

"Hear me now, boys—hear me now. I, Patrick Dennis, knowin' my great weakness, deeply sensible of my past sins and the great danger I've been in, hereby take solemn oath that so long as I live, under no provocation whatever will I blow out a candle again."

### Get Dyes From Trees.

The older dyemakers and certain of the dyemakers of the present time obtained many shades of yellow from the inner bark of an oak tree which grows in the United States, and which is called in the trade quercitron bark. From this bark the dyemakers extracted another dye which they called "flavine," and from which they produced certain shades of yellow and orange. Flavine was one of the dyes which was formerly a main reliance of the dyemakers in producing certain yellows, especially shades called olive-yellow and old gold. This coloring matter is extracted from that species of the mulberry tree which long ago came to be called the "dye" mulberry, and which grows plentifully in the West Indies and especially in Cuba and Jamaica.

### When the Battle Started.

"She seemed greatly surprised that I did not have a fortune when you married me. I wonder where she got the idea that I was rich?"

"I expect she has been trying to account to herself for my marrying you."

### The Limit.

"Dobbins is certainly the personification of laziness."

"That's what he is; why, he wouldn't take his twin babies out riding until he had their go-cart equipped with a motor."

### CINCINNATI MARKETS.

Flour, Hay and Grain.  
Flour—Winter patents \$11.50@12, winter fancy \$11@11.50, winter family \$10.50@11, winter extras \$9.50@10, low grade \$9@9.50, hard patent \$11.50@12, hard fancy \$10.75@11.25.  
Corn—No. 3 white \$1.61@1.61½, No. 3 yellow \$1.55@1.56, No. 3 mixed \$1.55@1.56, white ear \$1.59@1.61, mixed ear \$1.54@1.56, yellow ear \$1.55@1.57.  
Hay—No. 1 timothy \$20@20.50, No. 2 \$19.50@20, No. 3 \$18.50@19, No. 1 clover mixed \$19.50@20, No. 2 \$19@19.50, No. 1 clover \$19.50@20.  
Oats—No. 2 white 73½¢@74¢, standard white 73¢@73½¢, No. 3 white 72½¢, No. 2 mixed 72¢@72½¢.  
Wheat—No. 2 red \$2.82@2.84, No. 3 red \$2.78@2.81, No. 4 red \$2.65@2.75.  
Butter, Eggs and Poultry.  
Butter—Whole milk creamery extras 49¢, centralized creamery extras 46¢, firsts 44¢, seconds 42¢, dairy fancy 41¢, No. 1 packing stock 33¢, No. 2 28¢.  
Eggs—Prime firsts 34¢, firsts 33½¢, ordinary 33¢, seconds 32¢.  
Live Poultry—Broilers, 1½ lb and under, 43¢@44¢; fryers, 1½ lb, 30¢; 5 lbs and over, 20¢, under 5 lbs, 20¢.  
Live Stock.  
Cattle—Shippers \$9@11.50; butcher steers, extra \$10.50@11, good to choice \$10@10.50, common to fair \$7@9.50; heifers, extra \$10.25@11, good to choice \$9.50@10.25, common to fair \$7@9.25; cows, extra \$8.50@9.25, good to choice \$7.50@8.50, common to fair \$5.75@7.25; canners \$5@6.  
Bulls—Bologna \$8@9, fat bulls \$9.25@9.75.  
Hogs—Selected heavy shippers \$15.75@15.80, select butchers \$15.70@15.80, mixed and medium \$15.50@15.70, stags, \$8@12.25, common to choice heavy fat sows \$9@11, light shippers \$14@14.50, pigs (11½ lbs and less) \$8@12.

## Getting Old Too Fast?

Late in life the body shows signs of wear and often the kidneys weaken first. The back is lame, bent and aching, and the kidney action distressing. This makes people feel older than they are. Don't wait for dropsy, gravel, hardening of the arteries or Bright's disease. Use a mild kidney stimulant. Try Doan's Kidney Pills. Thousands of elderly folks recommend them.

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Mrs. E. H. Amerique, 324 W. Jefferson St., Springfield, Ohio, says: "I had a bad attack of kidney complaint brought on by heavy housework. My back pained terribly and sharp twinges often darted through me. I always felt tired and lacked ambition. Soon after I began taking Doan's Kidney Pills, I felt better and continued use gave me a cure that has lasted five years."

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### Force of Habit.

"Why did your wife leave you?"

"Force of habit, I guess. She was a cook before I married her."

## PAIN? NOT A BIT!

LIFT YOUR CORNS OR CALLUSES OFF

No humbug! Apply few drops then just lift them away with fingers.

This new drug is an ether compound discovered by a Cincinnati chemist. It is called freezone, and can now be obtained in tiny bottles as here shown at very little cost from any drug store. Just ask for freezone. Apply a drop or two directly upon a tender corn or callus and instantly the soreness disappears. Shortly you will find the corn or callus so loose that you can lift it off, root and all, with the fingers.

Not a twinge of pain, soreness or irritation; not even the slightest smarting, either when applying freezone or afterwards. This drug doesn't eat up the corn or callus, but shrivels them so they loosen and come right out. It is no humbug! It works like a charm. For a few cents you can get rid of every hard corn, soft corn or corn between the toes, as well as painful calluses on bottom of your feet. It never disappoints and never burns, bites or inflames. If your druggist hasn't any freezone yet, tell him to get a little bottle for you from his wholesale house—adv.

The Better Wish.  
"I wish I could afford to wear fine clothes." "I don't. I wish I could afford to wear any old thing."

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## SPURRIER BILL WITH LIQUOR TAX

PASSES KENTUCKY HOUSE—  
LEVIES TWENTY CENT TAX  
ON EVERY BARREL.

## ONE CENT TAX ON KY. COAL

Will Be Assessed if Senate Adopts  
House Measure—Money Derived, It  
Is Said, Will Be Used to Liquidate  
State Debt.

—Frankfort.

By a vote of 54 to 32 the house of representatives passed the Spurrier bill, levying a tax of 20 cents on each barrel of beer, ale, porter, or other malt liquor manufactured, received or possessed, for sale, or consumption, in the state of Kentucky. The house adopted the amendment offered by Representative White. It distributes the money derived from this source in the following manner:

Thirty per cent to the sinking fund, to be used in liquidating the debt of the state.

Thirty-nine per cent to the road fund.

One per cent to the State University fund, and the remaining 20 per cent to the school fund.

The amendment of Representative Price, reducing the tax to seven cents a gallon, was beaten. The house defeated amendments of Representative Spahn, reducing the license tax to 10 cents a barrel.

In his speech for the bill Representative Spurrier said there had been a gigantic liquor lobby here working against the bill.

The house passed the bill of Representative Dover, providing a license tax of \$250 on hat, coat and check room concessions in hotels and restaurants.

Representatives Hobbs and William Duffy opposed the bill, contending that it is unjust, as it affects only five hotels in the state, one in Lexington and four in Louisville.

Adopting the report of the conference committee, that the house concur in the senate amendment to the Mathers bill, increasing the tax limit on live stock from one cent to ten cents on the \$100, the house passed the bill with only one dissenting vote.

In the senate the bill of Senator Huntsman, providing that sheriffs be paid 6 per cent on the first \$10,000 collected and 4 per cent on all thereafter collected for the state, was defeated 4 to the vote of 14 to 10.

Senator Hiles created a sensation by declaring that the whisky interests are running the legislature. The occasion of his remark was the debate on the conference report on the Pickett bank deposit bill.

The bill of Representative Brashear, giving a title to persons holding lands in adverse possession for five years and paying taxes on them, was passed by the vote of 16 to 15. The purpose of the bill is to quiet the title of thousands of acres of land in Eastern Kentucky.

A tax of one cent a ton will be charged on coal mined in Kentucky if the senate adopts the bill of Representative Crowe, passed by the house of representatives. The tax derived from this source will be used to liquidate the debt of the state. It is estimated that the coal tax will net the state \$250,000 annually.

Speaker Duffy signed five bills which have passed the legislature. They are the Gardner bill, classifying property for taxation; limiting state tax on live stock to 10 cents on the \$100; providing for a tax of \$1 on the \$1,000 of the capital stock of building and loan associations in lieu of all other state taxes, and exempting them from local taxes, and the two bills of Representatives Perry and Duffy, relating to assessments in cities of the first class.

Much time was spent by the senate considering a substitute proposed by the committee on revenue and taxation to the Spurrier bill.

Senator Bradley's resolution was adopted, calling on citizens in the commonwealth to cultivate every available spot of ground for the purpose of enlarging the production of foodstuffs.

A resolution indorsing Representative W. B. Harvey, of Webster county, as a chaplain for the Kentucky National Guard, was adopted by the senate.

The bill of Representative E. B. McGlone, of Powell county, to place a state franchise tax of 1 per cent of its market value on all oil produced in Kentucky, and to permit counties to levy a similar tax of one half of 1 per cent for county, school or road purposes, was passed by the house of representatives, by the vote of 65 to 21.

The house, by the vote of 72 to 2, passed the resolution of Representative Price appropriating \$650 to the ministers of the city who have opened the sessions with prayer.

### Bond Issue Valid.

The \$180,000 waterworks bond issue of the city of Winchester was held valid by the court of appeals in an opinion by Judge Clarke, construing Sections 157 and 159 of the Constitution to mean that cities of the fourth class, upon vote of two-thirds majority, may incur indebtedness not to exceed, with other outstanding indebtedness, 5 per cent of the assessed value of property, and levy a sinking fund tax in addition to the 75-cent general tax authorized by Section 157.

### "Movie" Censors in State.

The house of representatives by a vote of 38 to 26 refused to table the bill of Representative Hobbs to abolish the office of supervisor of revenue agents. The motion to table the bill was made by Representative Meyers, of Covington, the administration floor leader of the house.

The committee on revenue and taxation reported, without an expression of opinion, the bill of Representative Hobbs creating a board of censors for moving pictures. Representative Spahn moved to recommit the bill. He said the picture-show operators were coming to Frankfort for a hearing. The bill, by a vote of 50 to 14, had its first reading, and was placed in the calendar.

Other bills which had first reading follow:

Providing for a license tax of \$10 on soda fountains dispensing soft drinks, and \$25 for dispensing drinks containing alcohol, caffeine and alkaloidal ingredients, and license for soft drink stands not connected with soda fountains, and providing for a license of \$20 on pool and billiard tables; \$10 for selling petroleum or lubricating oil, exempting grocers and paint and oil stores; \$10 on horse-drawn passenger and freight hacks and \$25 on auto hacks.

The bill of Senator Huntsman giving sheriffs 6 per cent on the first \$10,000 for collecting taxes and 4 per cent on all above that sum was recommended to the revenue and taxation committee, with leave to report at any time.

An official investigation into the high cost of living in Kentucky is provided for in a resolution introduced by Senator Huntsman. The senate will pass the Pickett bill providing for a tax on bank deposits.

An official investigation to determine whether illegal conspiracies are in any way to blame for the high cost of living in Kentucky, is called for in a joint resolution that Senator Bishop Huntsman, of Bowling Green, has introduced in the senate. The resolution asks that the attorney general, commonwealth's attorneys and county attorneys co-operate in conducting the investigation at once. Senator Huntsman believes that natural conditions are not entirely to blame for the high cost of living and that the present state statutes could be used to punish anyone who may have been guilty of illegal manipulation of prices and food supplies. The anti-trust law, passed in 1916, might apply, believes Senator Huntsman.

### Race Track License Tax.

The senate passed the bill of Representative Joe Schneider, providing for a license tax of \$500 a day on the Louisville and Latonia race tracks and \$200 a day on the Lexington race track. The race tracks included in the bill are those under the supervision of the Kentucky Racing Commission, so that the tracks at which harness meetings are held are exempted from the tax. The amendment to increase the license to \$1,000 a day was defeated. An emergency clause was attached to the bill in order to catch the spring meets. Senator Frost voted against the bill.

"I do not think Kentucky has reached the point where it is necessary to license vice to raise funds," said Senator Frost.

### Promise of Compensation.

A promise or an agreement to pay for services or compensation to a child for taking care of a parent must be stated in the petition in order for the child to recover the amount alleged to be due. If this promise or agreement is not stated then the petition asking for the compensation will be dismissed. The court of appeals so held in reversing the case of E. H. Jeffries, executor, against Addie N. Ferree, appealed from the LaRue circuit court. Mrs. Ferree is a daughter of Jeffries, and claimed he had promised to pay her \$500 for services rendered to him during his last illness, but made no such allegations in her petition. The court directed a new trial.

### Husband Gains Point.

For the first time the Kentucky courts were called upon to pass upon the construction of a will in which the proposed devise was designated only by the personal pronouns, in the case of John A. Eichhorn, of Shively, against Hannah T. Morat and twenty-three other brothers, sisters and nephews and nieces of his wife, Anna Maria Eichhorn, who died in 1907. In fact, it was the first time in any state, and the Jefferson circuit court was reversed by the court of appeals in an opinion by Judge Thomas for refusing to admit parol evidence to prove that the pronoun "he," employed in the will of Anna Maria Eichhorn.

### Corporation Tax Opposed.

The senate committee on revenue and taxation decided to report unfavorably the Hutchcraft corporation tax bill imposing a fifty-cent tax on each \$1,000 of authorized capital stock of corporations. The liquor men will propose a storage tax instead of a license tax on distilled spirits.

### Assembly on Last Lap.

The General Assembly has started on the last lap of its extraordinary session. It is believed no more bills will be introduced as they hardly could be acted upon before adjournment sine die. The house must act at once on all measures it hopes to have passed in the senate, due to the fact that a bill must be in the senate three days before it can be placed upon its passage.

Special license bills will hold sway upon the legislative stage during the remainder of the session.

## U. S. WELCOME BRITISH ENVOYS

PRECAUTIONS TAKEN TO GUARD  
VISITORS—SECRETARY LAN-  
SING GREETED BALFOUR.

## NOTABLES ARE APPLAUDED

Who Are Sent "To Make Co-Operation  
Easy"—Simple Welcome To English  
Commission Emphasizes Serious-  
ness of War Situation.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Washington.—The American capital extended a simple, but heartfelt welcome to the British Minister for Foreign Affairs, Arthur J. Balfour, and the other members of the British commission, which has come to Washington, as Mr. Balfour himself expressed it, "to make co-operation easy and effective between those who are striving with all their power—to bring about a lasting peace by the only means that can secure it—namely, a successful war." The weather was perfect and Washington in the bright spring sunshine, clad in the light green foliage of the season, never looked more beautiful when the special train, which had brought the distinguished visitors with their official escorts from the north, drew into the Union Station.

Everywhere bunting flew in the light breeze, mainly the American national colors, the British Union Jack and the French Tricolor were in evidence in many places, but the local flagmakers had been unable to meet the public demand for them. There were no other decorations and even at the Union Station the only touch of color was lent by the three large flags, the American, British and French, which were hoisted on the three great masts adorning the plaza. Nor was there any music to greet the visitors; the original plan, including the presence of the Marine Band having been amended to conform to the view expressed by President Wilson and Secretary Lansing that this was a grave and serious event in American history and not to be lightly treated or regarded as a social and festive affair. On the plaza and overlapping the great building at either wing gathered some 5,000 persons waiting patiently for a glimpse of the nation's guests, restrained at proper distance by hundreds of blue-coated policemen and by two troops of the Second Cavalry, commanded by Colonel Penton, part of the garrison at nearby Ft. Myer.

### Two Hospital Ships Sunk.

London.—The British hospital ships Donegal and Lanfranc, with many wounded soldiers aboard, have been torpedoed without warning. They were sunk April 17. Of those on the Donegal 29 wounded men and 12 members of the crew are missing. The Lanfranc carried German wounded as well as British. Of those aboard 19 British and 15 Germans are believed to have perished. The chancellor of the exchequer, Andrew Bonar Law, announced April 19, in the house of commons, that there recently had been further losses of British hospital ships, which would be published soon.

### Blasts Wreck Plant.

Kearney, N. J.—Three heavy explosions, followed by fire, wrecked half of the Seaboard By-Product Plant near here. One man, a watchman, was killed. The explosions occurred in rapid succession. There were three big tanks filled with benzol. Immediately fire broke out in the laboratory building and quickly spread to the long toolhouse and the administration building, which was in the course of construction.

### Shout For America and Her Allies.

Buenos Aires.—Enthusiastic demonstrations were held here in support of the cause of the United States and the Entente Allies in the war. One hundred thousand persons carrying flags marched through the streets singing the Marseillaise and shouting for the United States, France and the other allies. Women threw flowers upon the paraders from balconies.

### Five Die in Fire That Destroys Home.

Boston.—Five children were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home in the Baker Ridge section of Lincoln. With their mother and aunt, they were trapped by the flames in the sleeping rooms on the second floor. The women jumped to safety, but were unable to rescue the children.

### Explosion in Wilhelmshaven Harbor.

Amsterdam.—A terrific explosion occurred in Wilhelmshaven harbor (Prussia), according to the Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant. Damage was caused for many miles around.

### Entitled To Frank Statements.

New York.—Resolutions declaring that the censorship provision of the espionage bill "is an assault upon the very foundation of our free institutions, freedom of thought and freedom of speech," have been adopted by the Publishers' Association of New York City, it was announced. Senators and Representatives in Congress from this state are requested to vote against the measure. "The proposed legislation," the resolution asserts, "is drastic and indefinite in its terms and uncertain in its import."

## FARM ANIMALS

### CHANGE TYPE OF LIVE STOCK

Except in Improvement of Dairy Herd  
It Is Tedious Process—Strive  
for Uniformity.

If one wishes to change the type of his live stock he will find various roads open to him and he may be confused as to which to take. First and most common, a sire of the desired type may be bought for the herd and year after year improvements may go on in this manner. But it is at best a tedious process and, except in the improvement of the dairy herd, it had better be avoided. Life at best is not long enough to observe very marked results by this method.

A much better method in the case of beef cattle, sheep and swine, if many are kept, is to provide a few females of the desired type and also a male for them, the progeny of which shall be kept while the old type are gradually disposed of. It is surprising how quickly the type of the herd will be changed.

Then again it is possible to sell off the entire lot of cattle or other live stock on the farm and to procure those of the desired type at one time. This is the ideal method if it is financially practicable.

The one great thing to be desired in a herd is uniform excellence and the easiest and least expensive method of bringing this about is the one to be adopted.

### RATION FOR GROWING COLTS

Two Parts Oats and One Part Bran  
Makes Suitable Feed—Add Little  
Corn in Winter.

Two parts of oats (preferably crushed) and one part of bran make a very suitable feed for growing colts. In cold weather a little corn may be added not to exceed 25 per cent of the ration. If clover or alfalfa is used as half of the roughage ration, no oil meal will be needed, but if the roughage consists of wild hay or corn stover, about 8 per cent of oil meal should be added to the grain ration. Where oats are high in price and barley is plentiful, a ration of crushed barley 60 per cent, bran 30 per cent, and oil meal 10 per cent should give good results.

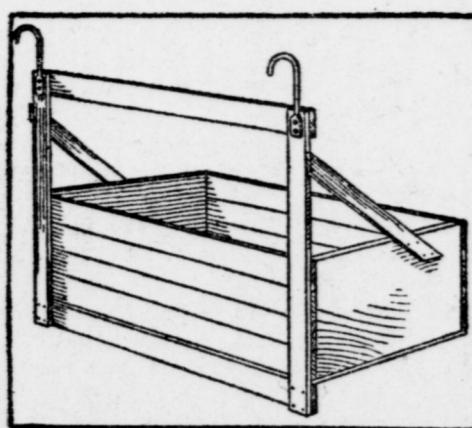
There is a little danger of overfeeding a colt if it is properly exercised. A colt should receive at least one pound daily for each 100 pounds of live weight, and if out in the cold a little more may be used to advantage.

Growth can be made more rapidly and cheaply during the first year than at any other time, and feed should not be spared at this time.

### GOOD FEED BOX FOR HORSES

Device Arranged to Fit on Wagon for  
Feeding Work Animals—Prevents  
Waste of Grain.

A teamster who is obliged to feed his horses during the noon hour at the wagon has devised a feed box to take the place of a nose bag, writes Vinton V. Detwiler of Manhattan, Kan., in Popular Mechanics. When the box



Wagon Feed Box.

is hooked over the top edge of the wagon box the height is just right for the horses. The box prevents waste of grain and provides a better way to feed the horses than in the wagon box.

### FATTENING RATION IN IOWA

By Reducing Corn and Increasing  
Silage Rapid Gains Were Made  
With Less Expense.

Silage has cheapened the fattening ration for steers in Iowa. One lot, receiving each per day 17 pounds shelled corn, 29 pounds silage, 2 pounds oil meal and 1½ pounds alfalfa, made gains at a cost of \$9.57 while another lot, receiving 8½ pounds corn, 51 pounds silage, 2 pounds oil meal and 1½ pounds alfalfa, made gains at a cost of \$7.67. The first lot averaged 2.94 pounds gain per day while the second lot averaged 3.04 pounds. Reducing the corn and increasing the ensilage increased the gains and cut down the cost of making gains.—North Dakota Agricultural College.

### PREVENT WASTE OF MANURES

Careful Attention Should Be Given to  
Barn Yards and Other Places Oc-  
cupied by Cattle.

Careful attention should be given to the prevention of waste of manure in the barn lot and other yards occupied by the cattle.

With the high price of potash now prevailing, it is also important that all wood ashes be saved and applied.

## BIG RUSH NOW ON

For Western Canada and the  
160-Acre Homesteads.

"In a war like this, they also serve and serve effectively who till the fields and gardens."

"It cannot be repeated too often that the world needs every ounce of food it can produce this year, and that the growers of that food are sure of good prices. When men now of middle age were casting their first ballot, 'dollar wheat' was the farmer's ideal of prosperity. Today, we have two-dollar wheat, with other grains and meats and vegetables in proportion; and indications that any shift from these prices is as likely to be up as down.

"Every acre must work. The farmer who increases his crops is performing a national service, as well as assuring prosperity for himself. There cannot be too much, and unless a united and consistent effort is made, there will not be enough."—Chicago Journal.

Now that the United States has joined with the Allies, the sentiment of the past has merged into the personal interest of the present. The duty of the loyal and patriotic citizen is to bend every effort to bring the great World's War to a satisfactory conclusion, to assist in all ways the forces that have been fighting at tremendous odds the giant power of autocracy. Victory is now assured; the union of the great fighting force of the United States navy, its military, its financial co-operation, its full and complete sympathy, will eventually bring about a peace that will be solid and lasting. Canada, just across the border line, that has no mark of fortification, no signs of defense, welcomes the assistance that the United States is rendering, welcomes this new partner into the arena that is battling for a disruption of the forces that breed and beget tyranny and oppression, and fighting for a democratic and free world. What a sight it will be to see the American and the Canadian, with the Stars and Stripes and the Maple Leaf of Canada emblazoned in one fold and entwined in their effort to rid the world of an incubus that has disregarded all laws—human and divine.

There is a necessity for the greatest effort ever made, not only on the battlefields of Europe, not only on the mined and submarined seas, but in carrying out on the peaceful fields of agriculture, the plans so urgently requested by those at the head of the departments of resources. The recent reports by the Government show a great falling off in the amount of grain that may be expected from the crop as of recent date, being only a little over 60 per cent, 16 per cent less than the average. Every patriotic American will bend all his effort towards increasing this. He may not shoulder a musket, but he can handle a hoe, he can drive a team and manage a plow. He will be doing yeoman service in this way, and assist in a wonderful manner the man who is fighting in the trenches. If he does not now own a piece of land, by all means get one—rent it, buy it—get it. There is lot of vacant land that will give ample return for his labor.

The desire to possess a home, to im-

prove it and to prosper, is natural to every American, and today unprejudiced offers are being made to secure the residence of the home-hunter. The war condition is draining the continent of its foodstuffs and economists are endeavoring to meet the rapid depletion of the nation's stores of grain and other farm products. Western Canada has proven her claim to being the natural producer of economically grown foodstuffs and is endeavoring to overcome a world's shortage in necessities by offering her lands, practically free, to anyone who will take them and produce. Labor is scarce in Canada, and is now being bonused. Good wages are offered and the time a farm hand is drawing pay in 1917, is considered by the Canadian Government, the same as residence duties on one of the free 160-acre farms, that this Government is giving away, in order to settle the fertile prairies and bring about within a few years a half billion annual crop of wheat.

The most conclusive evidence is available to any inquirer, that Western Canada farm lands will produce more wheat of a better quality and at a lower cost of production per acre than has heretofore been known in grain-growing countries. It is no idle statement to say, that yields of fifty bushels to the acre of wheat are grown in Canada; the statement is made in all seriousness and is backed up by the letters and affidavits of reliable farmers in Western Canada. These farmers are enjoying the same home comforts that their neighbors to the south participate; they have the same good houses, the same good roads and communication, as well as the same good social conditions, and best of all, they own their land and what they earn they own for themselves, being a foundation for greater wealth and independence.—Advertisement.

Getting up in the morning is a struggle for those people who do not make it worth while.

I have been selling Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root for fifteen years and I have yet to receive a complaint. I believe it is a wonderful and useful preparation and I have been satisfied with its influence in my own case. Its excellent success in the troubles for which it is recommended is a sufficient guarantee of its value.

Very truly yours,  
L. C. FORD & CO., Druggists,  
Nov. 1, 1916. Berkey, Ohio.

Prove What Swamp-Root Will Do For You. Send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample size bottle. It will convince anyone. You will also receive a booklet of valuable information, telling about the kidneys and bladder. When writing, be sure and mention this paper. Regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles for sale at all drug stores.—Adv.

There is something wrong with the chronic who isn't the victim of a chronic case of hunger.

If you have Worms or Tapeworms, no doubt you have taken some kind of "Vermifuge." But did you get positive results? Take Dr. Peery's Vermifuge "Dead Shot" and get certain and quick action. Adv.

A vivid imagination is often even more dangerous than a little learning.

# Too Many Operations

The Right Medicine in Many Cases  
Does Better than the Surgeon's  
Knife. Tribute to Lydia E. Pink-  
ham's Vegetable Compound.

### Doctor Said Operation or Death—But Medicine Cured.



Des Moines, Iowa.—"My husband says I would have been in my grave today had it not been for Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I suffered from a serious female trouble and the doctors said I could not live one year without an operation. My husband objected to the operation and had me try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I soon commenced to get better and am now well and able to do my own housework. I can recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to any woman as a wonderful health restorer."—Mrs. BLANCHIE JEFFERSON, 783 Lyon St., Des Moines, Iowa.

### Another Operation Avoided.

Richmond, Ind.—"For two years I was so sick and weak from female troubles that when going up stairs I had to go very slowly with my hands on the steps, then sit down at the top to rest. The doctor said he thought I should have an operation, and my friends thought I would not live to move into our new house. My daughter asked me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound as she had taken it with good results. I did so, my weakness disappeared, I gained in strength, moved into our new home, do all kinds of garden work, and raised hundreds of chickens and ducks. I cannot say enough in praise of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."—Mrs. M. O. JOHNSTON, Route D, Box 190, Richmond, Ind.

Of course there are many serious cases that only a surgical operation will relieve. We freely acknowledge this, but the above letters, and many others like them, amply prove that many operations are recommended when medicine in many cases is all that is needed.

If you want special advice write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential) Lynn, Mass. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman and held in strict confidence.



## WATCH US GROW.

Condensed Report to the Baking Commission Of

## PEOPLES BANK

STATE GOVERNMENT SUPERVISION  
AS OF APRIL 10, 1917.

## ASSETS

LOANS	\$ 95,365.34
BANKING HOUSE, Etc.,	6,750.00
OTHER REAL ESTATE,	438.42
DUE FROM BANKS	31,134.94
CASH ON HAND,	3,882.59
	<b>\$137,571.29</b>

## LIABILITIES

INDIVIDUAL DEPOSITS,	\$112,025.75
CAPITAL STOCK,	20,000.00
SURPLUS FUND,	4,000.00
UNDIVIDED PROFITS,	1,545.54
	<b>\$137,571.29</b>

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"I want to tell you what wonderful benefit I have received from the use of Thedford's Black-Draught," writes Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky.

"It certainly has no equal for la grippe, bad colds, liver and stomach troubles. I firmly believe Black-Draught saved my little girl's life. When she had the measles, they went in on her, but one good dose of Thedford's Black-Draught made them break out, and she has had no more trouble. I shall never be without

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BLACK-DRAUGHT

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If you suffer from any of these complaints, try Black-Draught. It is a medicine of known merit. Seventy-five years of splendid success proves its value. Good for young and old. For sale everywhere. Price 25 cents.

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The standing of a Bank is determined by the law under which it operates, and by the ability and character of its management.

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The Bank of Mt. Vernon  
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A Very  
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It looks fine  
on most men  
—and this store is  
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Come in and see  
our spring line  
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select the style you  
ought to wear.



"We Fit Faces  
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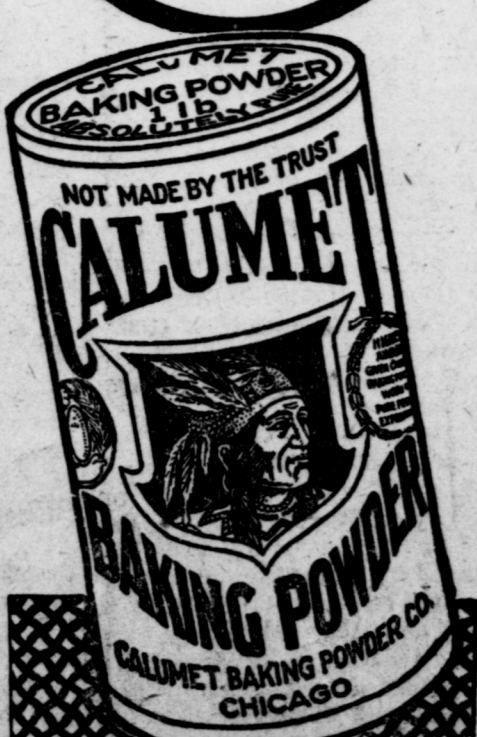
Spring house cleaning means cleaning inside and outside. Dull, pimply skin is an aftermath of winter inactivity. Flush your intestines with a mild laxative and clean out the accumulated wastes easy to take, they do not gripe. Dr. King's New Life Pills will clear your complexion and brighten your eyes. Try Dr. King's New Life Pills to-night and throw off the sluggish winter spell. At druggists, 25c.

## WITHERS

C. E. Mullins is in Jackson this week—Chas. Cook representing Robinson Bros. Hardware Co., was with our merchants a few days ago.—Mr. and Mrs. Mose Mullins and two little sons, of Cruise, were guests of their daughter, Mrs. Melvin Barnett Saturday and Sunday.—S. D. Stacy of London passed through the first of the week on his last trip for Stratton & Sierstegge Co. Mr. Stacy is a candidate for County Court Clerk of Laurel county.—Miss Ada Mullins was the guest of her cousin, Miss Lillie Mullins Saturday night.—Dr. Cornelius, of Berea, has been in this part a few days.—There were services at Cave Ridge Sunday continued by Rev. Ponder.—Mrs. Dora Mullins was the guest of Misses Lillie and Ada Mullins Monday.—Mrs. Nan Black is on the sick list.—Mrs. Sarah Allen and daughter, Mrs. Laura Cotton, were guests of Mrs. J. H. Roberts Friday.—Mrs. Henry Black, who has been sick for several weeks is able to be out again.—There hasn't been any corn planted in this part yet, but the time is at hand that people can begin to plant.

FEW REMAIN. Only six people, that were aged over 20, who were citizens of Mt. Vernon 40 years ago (1877) are living in this town to day. they are Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Poynter, D. C. Poynter, Mrs. Ann Fish, J. W. Brown and James Waret, and only one dozen of the children of that day, are citizens here. Some of those little toddlers of 1877, are now grandfathers and grandmothers, so there are only 18 white citizens and one negro (Joan W. Taylor) who have been here 40.

Danville, thru its mayor, has issued orders to the police to arrest all loafers and idlers and work them on the rock pile if they refuse to work in the garden or fields. Other cities and towns are doing the same for idlers. Parties knowing of idlers are instructed to report to officers.



Cheap and big can Baking Powders do not save you money. Calumet does—it's Pure and far superior to sour milk and soda.

## Children Cry for Fletcher's

## CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

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STRAINS AND SPRAINS  
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Sloan's Liniment quickly takes the pain out of strains, sprains, bruises and all muscle soreness. A clean, clear liquid easily applied, it quickly penetrates with out rubbing. Sloan's Liniment does not stain the skin or clog the pores like mussy plasters or ointments. For chronic rheumatism, aches and pains, neuralgia, gout and lumbago have this well known remedy handy. For pains of gripe and following strenuous work, it gives quick relief. At all druggists, 25 c.

THE WOMAN WHO CANNOT  
VOTE FOR WAR.

For the first time a woman represents a district in Congress. So insistent have been the Suffragists for representation on the idea that there is no difference between men and women, that Montana sent Miss Rankin to Congress to participate directly in government. On the roll call for a declaration of war Miss Rankin sat with bowed head, failing to answer to her name, twice called by the clerk.

On the second roll call she rose and said in a sobbing voice: "I want to stand by my country, but I cannot vote for war." For a moment then she remained standing supporting herself against a desk, and as cries of "Vote," "Vote," came from several parts of the House she sank back into her seat without voting audibly. She was recorded in the negative.

This is very creditable to Congressman Rankin's sympathies and sentiments. It shows her to be a woman still, and goes far to establish the fact that there is a distinction of sex even in Congress—a distinction that mankind will never ignore. Miss Rankin has her place in the world, with her work to do, but it seems certain that her influence on legislation will not be of any particular benefit to the country.

ROCKCASTLE CIRCUIT  
COURT.

B. H. POWELL, Plaintiff,  
vs. NOTICE OF SITTING TO  
RECEIVE CLAIMS.

T. J. NICELEY, Admir of  
DAVID COLE, &c., Defendants.

All creditors of the estate of David Cole, deceased, are hereby notified to present their claims against same, properly proven, before me, on or before April 28, 1917. Beginning April 28, 1917, I will sit daily to receive and register such claims and proof until through.

G. S. GRIFFIN,  
Master Commissioner.

## ROUND TRIP

## BIRMINGHAM

\$13.45

May 14-15-16-17

Limited to June 1st

L. &amp; N. R. R.

Account

General Assembly  
Southern Presbyterian  
Church.

## ROUND TRIP

## Lexington

\$3.20

May 3 &amp; May 5

Limited to Three Days  
From Date of Sale

L. &amp; N. R. R.

ACCOUNT

Spring Race Meet-  
ing Kentucky  
Association

## ROUND TRIP

## Lexington

\$2.60

April 28th

LIMITED TO 3 DAYS  
FROM DATE OF SALE

L. &amp; N. R. R.

ACCOUNT

Spring Race Meet-  
ing Kentucky  
Association